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SUEZ BACKGROUND ANNEX A--EGYPTIAN MILITARY DISPOSITIONS

Ground Forces. Estimated strength of the Egyptian Army (including the National Guard) is 107,000. This force is deployed in three principal areas, as follows:

Sinai Peninsula & Israeli Front -- 34,400

Canal Zone -- 15,000

Nile Delta Area -- 56,100

A. G-2 estimates that 1,500 other Egyptian troops are in scattered garrisons up the Nile and in Western Desert oases.

Army review(s) completed.

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B. The substantial withdrawals from Sinai in the past few weeks include 1 infantry and most of 1 armored division.

C. A selective inventory of Egyptian armament shows the following:

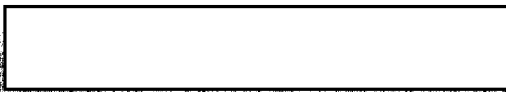
TANKS			MISC ARMORED VEHICLES	ARTILLERY FIELD			ARTILLERY A/T	
L.	M.	H.		SP	75mm-	100mm-	SP	57mm-
			650		100mm	155mm	151	75mm
40	259	82		11	124	50		249

ARTILLERY A/A		ARTILLERY MISC	
20mm-	75mm-	Rocket-launchers, recoilless	Mortars 81mm-120mm
40mm	130mm		
470	36	1,200	288

Naval Forces. Principal concentrations are in three areas:

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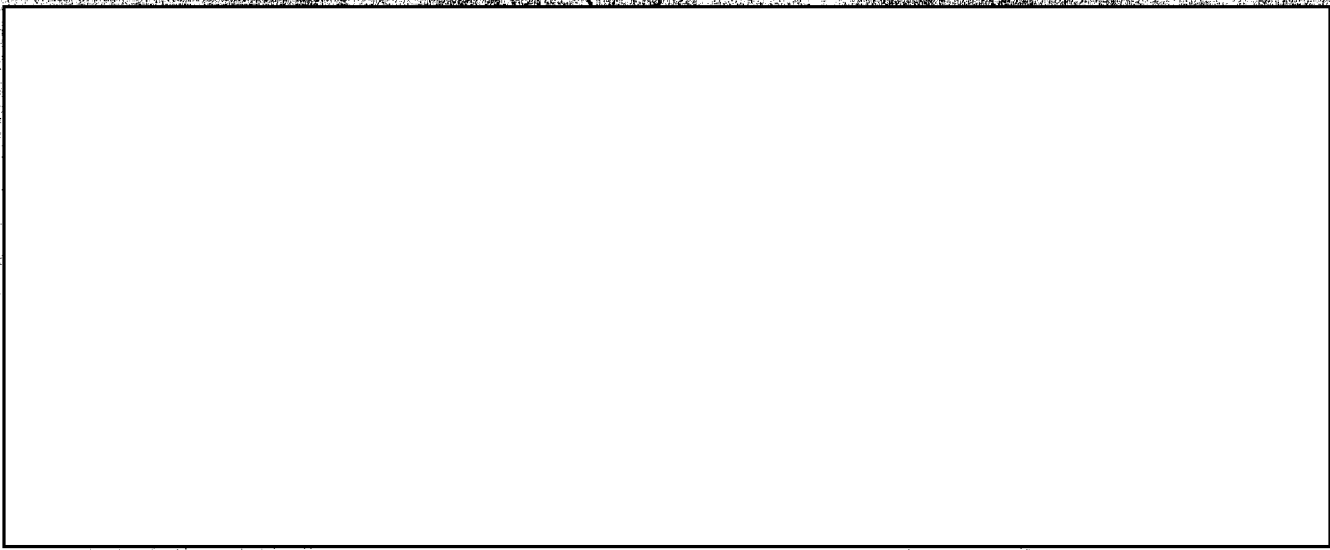
RED SEA:

1 destroyers  
4 patrol escorts  
6 fleet minesweepers  
7 coastal minesweepers  
8 motor torpedo boats

2 patrol escorts  
7 motor torpedo boats

1 patrol escort  
6 motor torpedo boats

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III. Air Forces.

- A. Recent EAF redeployment will strengthen defense of the Canal Zone at the expense of the air defense of the Cairo area.
- B. Present estimated deployment of the EAF, other than 19 IL-28s at Luxor, is in two main areas:

CANAL ZONE AREA:

Abu Suweir--15 MIG-15 jet fighters  
Fayid --20 Meteor jet fighters  
Kahrif --15 MIG-15 jet fighters  
Masfareen--17 Vampires jet fighters

CAIRO AREA:

Almaza--9 piston fighters  
8 piston recon.  
C/West--17 Vampire jet fighters  
27 jet l. bombers  
6 piston a. bombs  
Inchas--15 MIG-15 jet fighters

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